

REMARKS

Claims 11-14 and 30-101 are pending in the application. The Patent Office imposed a restriction upon claims 11-14, 30-59 and 95-98. **No restriction was imposed upon claims 60-94 and 99-101.** Since claims 60-94 and 99-101 were not restricted, the Applicants have assumed where they might have been placed based upon the inventions being claimed. Restriction to one of the following three groups was required:

- I. Claims 11-14, 30-44, and 48-56 (and presumably claims 60-94 and 99-101) drawn to the graft, segment, and kit;
- II. Claims 57-59 and 95-98, drawn to a method of assembly; and
- III. Claims 45-47 and 51-52 drawn to a method of making a segment.

In addition, the Patent Office has required that the Applicants elect a species from one of Figures 1,4, 5, 8, 11, 16, 19B, 20B, 21A, 22A, 23, 24B, 25B, 26A, 26B, 26C, 26D, 26E, 26F, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, or 34.

In response, the Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 11-14, 30-44, and 48-56 (and presumably claims 60-94 and 99-101)). In addition, the Applicants elect to prosecute the species of FIG. 8.

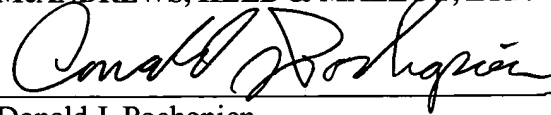
In view of the above election, the Applicants also co-file an Second Preliminary Amendment with this document. The following claims, as amended, read upon the species of FIG. 8:

Claims 11-14, 30-44, 48-56, 60-83, and 85-89 are generic to and read on the implant of FIG. 8. Claims 84, 90-94, and 99-101 do not read on FIG. 8.

Respectfully submitted,

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